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27 May 66

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Possible Procurement of "Half Versamat" for  
BLACK SHIELD

REFERENCE : Memorandum from DD/SA to D/TECH/OSA,  
dated 19 May 1966, Subject: "Possible  
Procurement of "Half Versamat" (EH 66  
Film Processor) for BLACK SHIELD";  
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1. To the best of our knowledge, the only processing capability planned for BLACK SHIELD at Kadena is a B-5 processing unit capable of handling approximately 200' of 9½" film with minimal provisions for drying the film.

2. Based on U-2 experience, it is anticipated that flight tests will be conducted on a more or less continuous basis to confirm the operational readiness of cameras, navigation, and rendezvous systems, and other components of the vehicle. It is felt that these flights will generate an immediate need for local processing and printing of oscillograph paper, ground camera and motion picture coverage of crash and damage incidents, charts, aerial film, landing and takeoff photography, and map projector film. To support these requirements, some sort of secure photo lab with a machine processing capability is considered essential.

3. The Versamat model 411C-M (115/208V, 60 cycle, 3 phase, 4 wire), and Model 411C-MG (230V, 3 phase, 3 wire, 60 cycle) is an automatic, self-threading processor for black and white negative or positive sheet or roll film up to 9½" wide. Processing speed is about half that of full Versamat, but dimensions are considerably less.

4. It is recommended that two each Model 411C-M Versamat processors be ordered, one of which may be used at Kadena, and the other held at Eastman Kodak for possible use in support of IDEALIST requirements at Detachment G, H or forward base. Price is [redacted] delivery 5 months.

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